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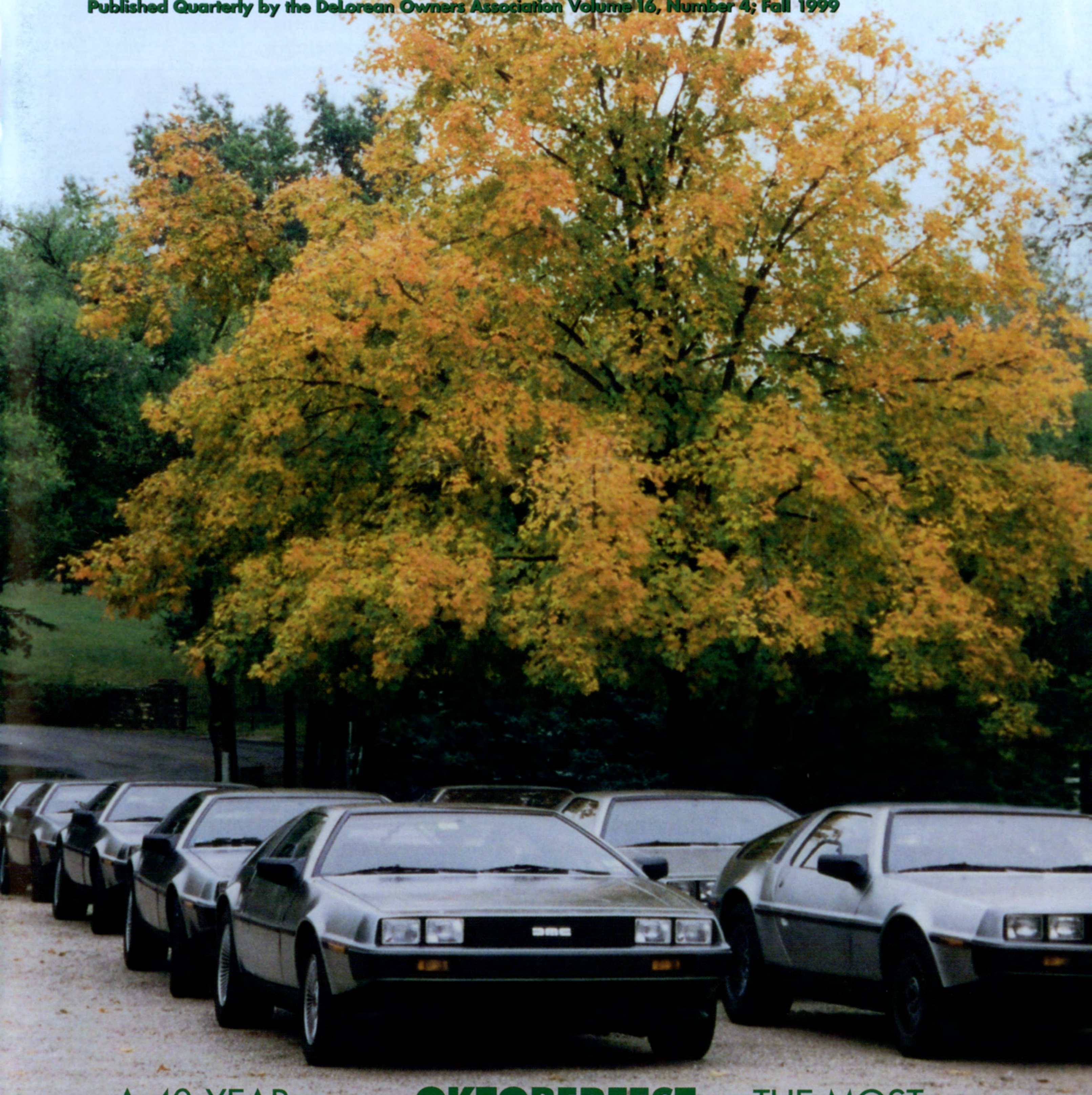

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DeLorean Owners Association

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DeLoreans gather at the Daniel Boone home during Oktoberfest (see story on page 20). Photo by Ray Haug

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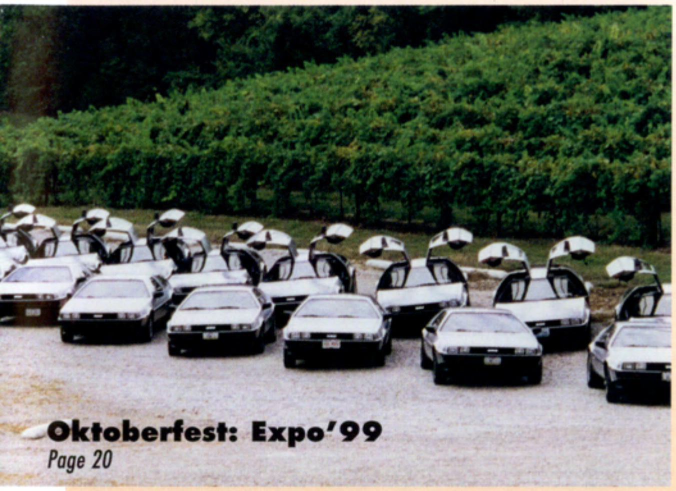

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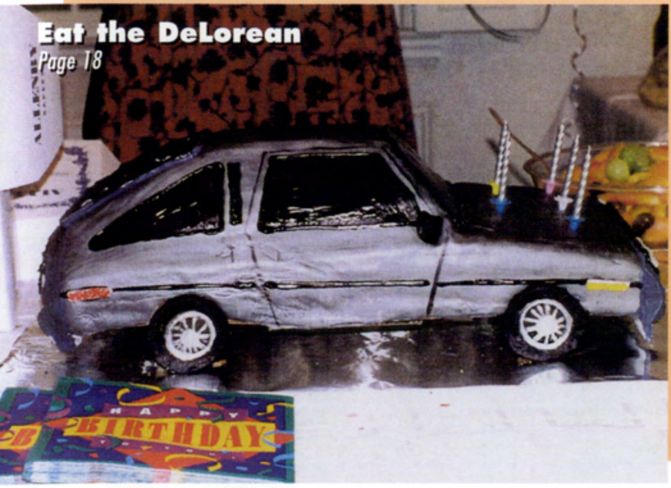

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Linda Porter

Oktoberfest: Expo '99 is a thing of the past. It's always a bit of a let-down for something that's consumed so much of one's time for so long, to be finished. I'm like many people, in that half the fun is in the planning. But I also like the "doing", so I always enjoy events I've worked on. It's heartening to see many of the same people every year at Expo, and makes me happy to be connected to this great group.

I'm especially happy I didn't take the advice of a well-meaning female friend of mine several years ago. This was just after I started life on my own after being married for many years. My friend suggested I sell the DeLorean. After all, a woman who knows nothing about cars has no business owning a car that is a puzzle to many mechanics. "Sell it, and buy a nice little Honda or Toyota", she said. Well, I'd done my time in a Honda, and it was fine. But never as fine as my DeLorean, so I ignored her. I've never regretted that decision.

Just think, I'd never know that I could plan an event in a far-away city for people I'd never met. Never know that I could still string words together if I had to do so. I hadn't written anything longer than a letter since I was in college! Never had the chance to meet interesting people from all over the United States and the world and to even become friends with some of them. And I would probably never have gained the courage to drive to Los Angeles, alone, and actually find the place I wanted to go! All this, and in the process, I've become a "car" person. Maybe not the most knowledgeable one you're likely to meet, but I sure know more than I used to know about my car. The one thing that seems to stay constant, however, is that I still want to keep my DeLorean. It's brought me so much more than just transportation.

I think that some of our contributors to this issue of DeLorean World would agree with me.

Rodger Vannatter of Kentucky concludes his three part odyssey; living his dream. Buying his DeLorean seems to have taken him down roads he'd never traveled. I met Rodger in Snowmass, as he was driving along one of those roads. It was a pleasure to see him again in St. Louis and meet his wife, Marty. I hope he'll find time to write more stories of life with his DeLorean.

I enjoyed Brian Graifman's story of his "D"-licious DeLorean. While I would never attempt baking such an extravagant confection, I admire those with such skills.

Both Hank and Mimi Breer write for this issue. Mimi tells of a trip they took with other British car owners. And Hank, as Museum Director, tells of a visit to the National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection) in Reno, Nevada. The gold-plated DeLorean is the highlight of any visit to this museum for DeLorean owners. I visited the museum several years ago. I especially enjoyed the street scenes, which allow you to walk along as you might have done in years past, able to view cars parked along-side the curbs.

Car related activities around the country, and information on DeLorean collectibles; just some more of the things you'll find in this issue of *DeLorean World.*

DELOREAN WORLD Letters TO THE EDITOR

We welcome your letters about DeLorean-related issues, so join in. We may need to edit what you send us for clarity, content and brevity, however.

Send your letters to
David Knudson, P.O. Box 423,
Tujunga, CA 91043-0423.

Dear Editor,

I recently received my order of back issues from your Products Dept. Although, I have not read them all from cover-to-cover yet, I noticed news of Association chapters and events. What became of the chapters?

M. Mannos, Dexterville, NY

We had chapters for many years. Over 20 at one point, I believe.

The concept was excellent because it gave owners a chance to meet other owners in their area, and they could build their chapter's treasuries by having local events such as banquets, tech talks and rallies.

As time went by, the chapters came and went and others were restarted. Like anything else, some did much better and were more active than others. Then as the number of chapters began to decline, we established a position of Director of Chapters on the Board with the intent of jumpstarting the weaker ones. He would call the chapter coordinators on a regular basis to see if there were areas we could help them with or if they had questions. Some enjoyed the conversation, others thought we were checking up on them. So, we dropped that idea. Shortly thereafter, the IRS asked us to have each of the chapters incorporated separately. They had to prepare quarterly reports and pay taxes. Of course, some balked at that idea and withdrew. So, we were down to a handful and even they were loosing interest, so we discontinued the concept completely.

Dear Editor,

Do you ever intend to reprint any of the articles in your back issues – particularly those that cover technical techniques? At the moment, I can't afford all the back issues.

Bill Lowden, Richmond, IN

We already have printed some in our Tech Notes booklet. You might want to get our Tech Index too. Both are available at our DeLorean Store.

Dear Editor,

I used to take my car to Swedish Automotive in Santa Ana, California. Then I mothballed it until recently and can't find them anymore. Did they move, or are they out of business?

Jill Oliver, Stanton, CA

Swedish Automotive was, as the name implied, mostly a Swedish car repair facility. The owner, Ron Lowe worked at the Irvine DeLorean facility before opening the business, so he also worked on DeLoreans. Several years ago, Ron decided to discontinue the DeLorean end of his operation.

Dear Editor,

Were there ever any right hand drive DeLoreans? I have a friend in Australia who is in love with the car but can't find any in that country for sale so I wondered if there was any such thing?

Larry Bynum, Adrian OH

Yes and no. The factory apparently had plans to produce some but never did. However, I have seen several that were converted. Just a side note. Although I've seen several that were extremely well done, most have been rather poor jobs. I understand that some of the DeLorean service centers will convert cars to right hand drive.

Dear Editor,

I enjoy checking out your Car Events calendar page in each issue. I have used it twice. Once for a car show in Raleigh (NC) in '98 and then for the big British Car Day in Charleston(SC) in June. I showed my car in the Car Day show and won a trophy for '81 entry. While I was there, I got a flyer for another show in Charleston later in June that wasn't on your calendar so I have enclosed it. I know you can't list everything but as you can see, it is an annual event and it looks very good.

Jason Schaff, Durham, NC

As you say, we cannot possibly publish all the car shows that occur. Thanks for the flyer and we'll check it out for next year. If you have some photos of your entry at the show, please send them with a paragraph or two about the event.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE **CAR EVENTS**

Do you know of any events that are not sponsored by the DeLorean Owners Association but may be of interest to DeLorean owners? To inform our readers about shows, meets or places of interest to DeLorean owners, we present this events calendar. Please submit the following information for each event:

Location *(state, city/town, place)*
Date *(three or more months ahead of time you receive each issue)*
Name, address and telephone number *(for further information)*

Hold the notice size to 30-40 words
Send to: Hank Breer, 1946 N. Harding Ave., Altadena, CA 91001

DECEMBER

4 **Palm Springs, CA**
Festival of Lights Parade – DeLorean owners from Southern California will participate for the 4th time in this annual nighttime parade. All entrants must be decorated with white Xmas lights.
Info: Mimi Breer 6267986279, fax: 6267989764, e-mail: hbreer @ix.netcom.com

JANUARY

13-16 **Huntington Beach, CA**
2nd Annual Quartzsite Rock & Roll classic Car Show – Registration fee includes T-shirt, dash plaque, entry for Thursday's poker walk, Main Street cruise and tailgate party, entry for Friday's poker run & 1 ticket for Saturday's dinner/dance party. Hot rods, street rods, customs & classics are invited. 20 acre facility with free exhibitor and free public day parking. Award ceremony Sunday afternoon. PH: 800-969-5464 FAX: 714-377-1409

13-17 **Scottsdale, AZ**
Kruse International Auction – 29th year. One of the world's largest collector car auctions - over 1200 cars. Kruse Auction Park West. PH: 800-968-4444

15-16 **Nashville, TN**
Nashville Auto Fest – Car corral, car show, & swap meet. Sponsored by Corvette Club of America at Tennessee State Fairgrounds, $7 admission. Info: Garnett Rogers, PO Box 9596, Bowling Green, KY 42102, PH: 502-769-5686, FAX: 502-737-6022, e-mail: ccabg@ekx.infi.net

19-23 **Scottsdale, AZ**
Barrett Jackson Auction & Exposition – Over 800 autos at auction. This is one of the auctions that major auto museums attend to acquire and dispose of their vehicles. Over 300 upscale vendors. Automemorabillia Auction. Daimler Chrysler Pavilion. PH: 602-273-0791 www.barrett-jackson.com

FEBRUARY

18-20 **Webster, FL**
7th Annual Winter Extravaganza – Swap Meet, Car Corral, Auction. Webster Westside Flea Market. Club participation trophy. Info: Craig Pearson or Joann King, 6250 Tennessee Ave., New Port Richey, FL

MARCH

24-25 **New Orleans, LA**
10th Annual New Orleans British Car Day – held in a suburban park on grass next to an air conditioned pavilion. There will be a welcome party on Friday night and an award dinner on Saturday night in the Pavilion ($7.50 per person). The last 2 years they had 140 cars from 7 states. Entry fee: $20, ($25 after March 10) T-shirts $10, Info: Harold O'Reilly, PH: 504-486-5837(h) 5044862424(w), FAX: 504-821-7961, e-mail: haroldor@bellsouth.net http://208.22.201.17/carshow.htm

24-26 **Lake Havasu City, CA**
6th Havasu Happening - on the golf course. Thursday night tailgate party. Friday night cruise on McCulloch Blvd. Saturday night oldies concert. Open to all vehicles. 502-855-6125 www.desertsteel.com

APRIL

7-9 **Santa Maria, CA**
North Meets South 2000 "Back From The Future" – at the Airport Regency. Rallye, Car Show, Tour, Dining, Dancing, Fun, Laughter. Rooms at $59, breakfast included.
www.tcsn.net/maynard2/North-Meets-South.htm

The Importance of your Input.

We are always eager to receive articles about members and their DeLorean adventures. As you know, we are so eager, we pay **$100** for a DeLorean Getaway article if it is accepted, and if we use your feature length article, **you'll get a free year's membership.**

Certainly very few of us are as good at writing as Hemingway or at photography, as Ansel Adams. But some of the articles and photographs we receive are simply unusable, so we have to reject them and hurt someone's feelings – not pleasant for anyone. We have to do a little editing on almost everything we receive for brevity and clarity. Every publication does that with even the best of authors. But some of the articles are just plain unintelligible, and a simple phone call or two to the writers wouldn't save them.

Likewise, even in this day of extremely sophisticated cameras, we receive many photos that would be indecipherable when printed in the magazine.

So, to help you get your article accepted, here are a few suggestions:

Writing

1. When you write your article, don't worry about getting the punctuation or grammar absolutely perfect. We'll edit it.
2. "Picture" the scenes in your mind as you write, and just write down what you see. Remember, the reader has no idea what you're talking about. Your sentences don't need to be perfectly structured. We'll edit them.
3. Every story you write has to contain the journalist's law or it will be confusing – "Who? What? Where? When?".
4. Most of the articles we get are sent as hard copies that were typed on a computer. This is fine but if you could send along the disk, that would save us a lot of retyping time. We prefer Microsoft Word but our Mac can read almost any program.

Photography

1. Don't use digital photography. The quality is not high enough yet for magazine reproduction.
2. We can not use e-mailed photos either. The resolution is too low.
3. For the same reason, we can not use printed clips from videos.
4. Make sure your subject is well lit.
5. Stay away from visually "busy" photos, in other words photos that are cluttered. If they are reproduced in black and white, they can be very confusing.
6. Take a lot of photos from different angles particularly if you're shooting people. Their expressions change instantly and constantly. That "great" shot of someone often ends up being an unfortunate expression. Professional photographers shoot many rolls. Even they don't know what will end up being their best shot.
7. Some of the worst photos come from expensive, elaborate cameras. If you're not FULLY versed in yours, get a few cardboard cameras and use them. Don't laugh. Some of the best photos we've received were shot with these little boxes.
8. Send us original color or black and white prints, slides or transparencies.

a 40 year dream comes true

Part 3 of a 3 part series

By Rodger I. Vannatter - Catlettsburg, Kentucky

The months passed slowly. I became more anxious to see and drive the DeLorean. Telephone conversations, had been encouraging and decisions had been made to restore the car to original condition. This meant a complete work over on the engine, transmission, wiring, door locks, window controls, headliners, struts, and nearly everything else. My DeLorean was to become, once again, new but with all the updates. A perfect car for a perfect driver, ready to be driven by a perfectly anxious DeLorean owner.

My dream of driving from the west coast to Kentucky in a DeLorean was about to come true. I think, in the back of my mind, hidden in the deepest, darkest depths was the idea to drive the car back home rather than to have it shipped. The fact of doing so did not emerge until the time of the final decisions of just how extensive the restoration, was going to be. The brilliant idea struck me that for the cost of shipping, I could easily fly to the west coast and have money left over to help fund the trip back. Therefore, being the clever individual that I think I am, I set about planning just that, flying and driving. Caught with the fever, I began to realize that at this point in my life, the completion of yet another unfulfilled goal was within reach and more importantly a 40-year-old dream could become a reality.

My father did not like old cars. He did not like anything that was old. New was the future. "That is why they make new things — to replace the old. New is better and that is better for us," said my Father. Get rid of the old for the new. There was only one thing old that he not only liked but loved and worshiped, the "Old West." Cowboys are still being born and my father is living proof that cowboys never die nor ride away… they just do not buy old cars. Before I lose the point of all of this, you should know that in 1964 when I left college and came home, I told my parents that I was going to Europe. I thought dad would have a heart attack. My mother said, "Fine, is that really what you want to do?" Dad said, "Fine if that is what you want to do, do not expect me to provide you with the money!"

"No problem," I replied. "I plan on selling my car, clothes, books, records (LPs or vinyls, for you young ones that may be reading this), and anything else that I had that anyone would be willing to give me money for. Within 2 weeks, and with about $1250.00, I was ready to see Europe.

Dad had stressed that I had not seen the western United States and that there was nothing in Europe that could even begin to compare to the beauty of the US. "See the USA, first", he stressed, sounding much like a male Dinah Shore. Some of you may remember the Chevrolet commercials in which she sang, "See the USA in your Chevrolet." I went to Europe that year but now, after 40 years, I was ready to take his and her advice and see some of this country.

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All things were resolved with DeLorean One, which was almost a total reworking of the car. This signaled that it was time for me to conclude my plans and begin my 40 year dream journey (sort of a "forward to the past" trip). All the advice, discussions and longings to see the west, and lest I forget to mention, to satisfy a lifetime longing to fly fish the western mountain waters, were going to come true.

While planning my dream drive, several friends had said they wanted to come along. I had expected my wife to make the trip with me but since we had just returned from 3-weeks in Europe, she felt that she could not give up the time from her work. When it finally came down to who was going to accompany me, it became no one. At first, I was a little disappointed that no one was going to enjoy it with me but then I began to realize that maybe it would not be so bad to be able to stop and go when I wanted. Fish when I wanted. Eat when I wanted. What a wonderful time this could be, I would also be able to drive as fast or, if necessary, as slow as I wanted. Now I was more than anxious ever to get started.

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Upon arriving in Los Angeles, there was some fine-tuning done to tweak the car to its best running performance. They also added a security system and some other minor items to satisfy my ego and to give the car a finished look that went along with its performance. With all that concluded, I gave my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ed and Millie Bernstein and their crew for all the kindness, concern and hard work they went to to get my car in the best condition possible.

My adventure begins. My first goal was to drive to my 3rd son's home (3rd son is another story). Doug

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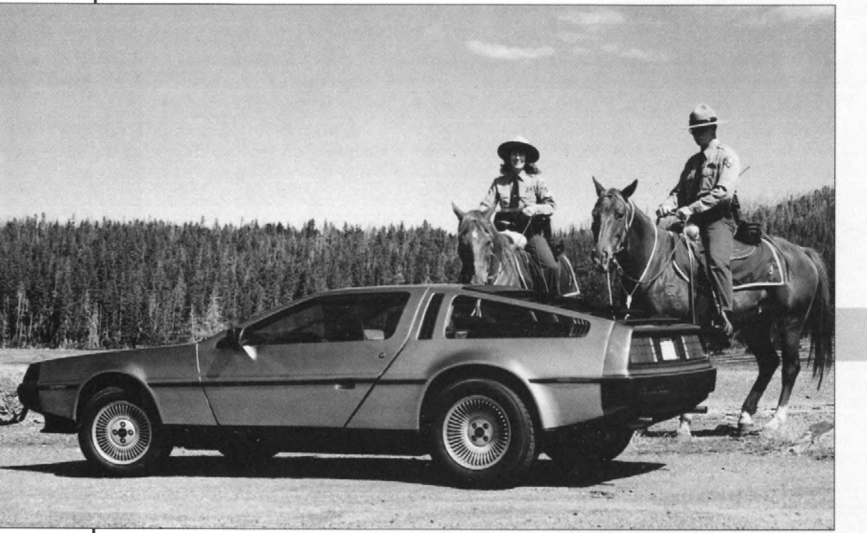
and his wife Tammie live in Sacramento and would provide a good break in the first leg of my trip. More importantly, I would get to see them. I'd be able to spend a brief but good time with them, seeing the progress of their new home, playing with Billy and Marjorie and awaiting the arrival of who is now, James. What delights those children were and how they added to my trip as we took pictures of them with the car and shared the excitement of the DeLorean with each other.



Mounties at Yellowstone on the 125-year anniversary of Yellowstone National Park.

But, after one day, sad to say, I was on my way, starting the trip with the DeLorean purring it's way through the gold mine country of California. Great rolling hills climbed to the mountains with twists and turns that let the car just breath and flex in it's cat-like power loping with all of it's grace across the golden grasses of the golden state. (Sorry, I know this sounds packed with flowery language but that was the way it felt when the experience is shared in writing.)

Time passed quickly as my love affair with the "D" increased with each passing minute. I felt as one with the car, the hills and the wonderful curving and banking roads. If you love a smooth performing car, you understand. If not, I am sorry for you.

Part of my 40-year dream was starting to unfold. The entrance into Yosemite National Park sparked a shortness of breath and brief recalls of my father's comments about the west. It took just the first few quick breaths to fall in love with the spectacular beauty of the valley floor, the tempting stream flowing through and the overpowering strength of the granite walls.

The redwoods at Mariposa produced a serenity and calmness that made me want to stay in Yosemite and go no further but I knew that was not possible.

I was on my way towards the Grand Tetons but not without a one-day visit with a childhood friend and her husband (Barbara and Roger) in Virginia City. Barbara known as "Squeak" to her friends and family is a piano player in one to the local saloons. She also is in the Guinness Book of World Records for knowing and being able to play a record number of songs. Over 2000, I believe. If you are ever that way, stop in and hear her. Bet you cannot stump her. If it is a published song, she more than likely can play it for you. After a good visit and excellent meal at the local hotel (where Mark Twain always stayed) I was off in the AM.

The Tetons were a haze in the distance as I raced through the small towns and reservations. Their outline against the sky gave some hint to their size but not to the view I would get upon arrival. Certainly not the gut wrenching awe that would engulf me. The clouds resting in the nooks and crannies of the stone face of the mountains gently smothered with last winter's snow made me weak as they shadowed me. My father's words began floating in my mind, no I truly heard his voice exalting the beauty of the west. I then understood his passion for the west and why he had told me that I had not seen the world until I had seen the beauty of the west. I sat and stared at the mountains trying to become one with them and mentally kicking myself for being so dumb for over 40 years. Some of us children never listen.

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Feeling better than I can remember (except for possibly 2 other occasions), I headed to Yellowstone National Park to fly fish and to become more amazed at nature's immense beauties. Hoping to get a picture of the "D" with Old Faithful going off in the background did not work out but the park rangers were kind enough to let me get a photo in front of it while it was perking lightly. Had I arrived on any other day, it might have been possible. I was fortunate (unknown to me at the time) that it was the 125th birthday of the park. What a celebration it was, Governors, Government Officials, Indian Tribal Leaders, mounted park rangers, bands, etc. but no cake. Had a great time!

Fishing the streams took-up most of my remaining time and I do not think I have ever been more at peace with myself, except for one afternoon. I had been directed to some good streams by the park rangers. One that really attracted me ran the valley floor with the far side against the mountain wall, and to my back, a meadow of hip tall swaying grasses. Not a cloud in the sky, a perfectly beautiful day. I grabbed my fly rod, flies, and vest. I walked the stream teasing the water with various flies. It was such a beautiful day, I lost all relation with time and distance. What more could I ask for, the mountains and woods to my face, the songs of the wind in the grasses behind me and my rod counting beat to the songs of the wind.

Suddenly, a snort and heavy moving sounds close to me realize I was not alone. A deep chill came over me when I realized I had not been aware that I had wandered up the stream so far. Whatever I was close to had the advantage. Anything in the woods could be on me before I would know it and the meadow behind offered no refuge. If it was a bear, I as yet had no trout to share and certainly I would not be able to outrun it to my "D" a mile and a half away. Another snort was sounded. This time, I got the direction of it and to my right slightly behind me was a mother moose and calf. Slowly, I retrieved my line moving as slowly as possible to get away from her when she snorted louder then stomped her forefoot. Mentally, I kept repeating, as if she could read my thoughts, that I was not there to harm her baby — only to fish, and that I would gladly leave if she thought I was a bother. As I kept my movements slow and steady, I finally was able to get enough distance between us that I felt secure in picking up my pace and heading straight to the car.

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Assured that I had escaped and was safe with my pounding heart returning to normal rhythm, I was jolted into fear again as a sound from the tall grasses erupted and out sprang a young man of about 15 or 16 years old. He asked if he had frightened me to which I answered with well-controlled suitable language for his age. Refraining from what I wanted to say took my last remaining energy. When I told him not to travel any further upstream, he replied that was not his intention and that he had been following me watching me fly fish. He had just gotten a new fly rod and did not have the first clue as to how to use it. Apparently, no one in his family fly-fished but he had wanted to and this was his birthday gift. He proceeded to ask if I had the time to show him how to use his fly rod. I told him if we moved on down stream closer to the parking area (I would feel safer there) I would be happy to show him what I knew and hoped that it would help him. He proved to be an apt pupil and within a half-hour was doing quite well. I left him with the advice to keep at it and that he would constantly improve with the pleasure of fly fishing becoming more rewarding (hoping in the back of my mind that someday he may be fortunate enough to catch Mr. Big and just might, in his memory, think back that it all started here, with my help).

Time was running out for me. After 15 days on the road, it was off to Snowmass to spend a day at DeLorean Expo '97. Visiting that evening with other DeLorean owners and swapping tales was most enjoyable. Sad to say, I had to leave the following morning, but I left knowing I had made some friends and with luck, would get a chance to see and visit with them someday soon.

The two-day trip home from Colorado was uneventful but pleasant. I could not recall a better feeling at home that night as I drifted off to sleep with the many wonderful images of sights seen and memories of the people that I met along the way. My 40 year dream of seeing the west from ground level, seeing it through the glass of a DeLorean and getting to fish the beautiful and wonderful pristine steams of the National Parks had become a reality. My wife believes that dreams realized are the strength needed to continue forward in life. She also says, "Advice unasked for is seldom heeded." So against her advice, I say to you, "Don't wait 40 years as I did, fulfill your dreams as you have them, do not put them off"!

Aside: It is Spirit. The Spirit of things good — the Spirit of God, the Spirit of man and his inventions. The Spirit joins man and his car. For those of us who own and drive a DeLorean, we know that feeling of Spirit. For those of you yet to own and drive a DeLorean, the Spirit awaits you.

DeLorean service bulletins

courtesy of
DeLorean Motor Company,
Houston, TX
(800) USA-DMC1

DeLorean World has obtained most of the early service bulletins issued by the factory but never published. Many of these reference the VIN number before or after which the subject of the bulletin applies. We will publish this series over several issues believing that this is an important part of the car's history and is also a service to those who service the cars and are unaware of these factory documents.

SUBJECT:

DRIVE SHAFT FLANGE PART NUMBER 100171

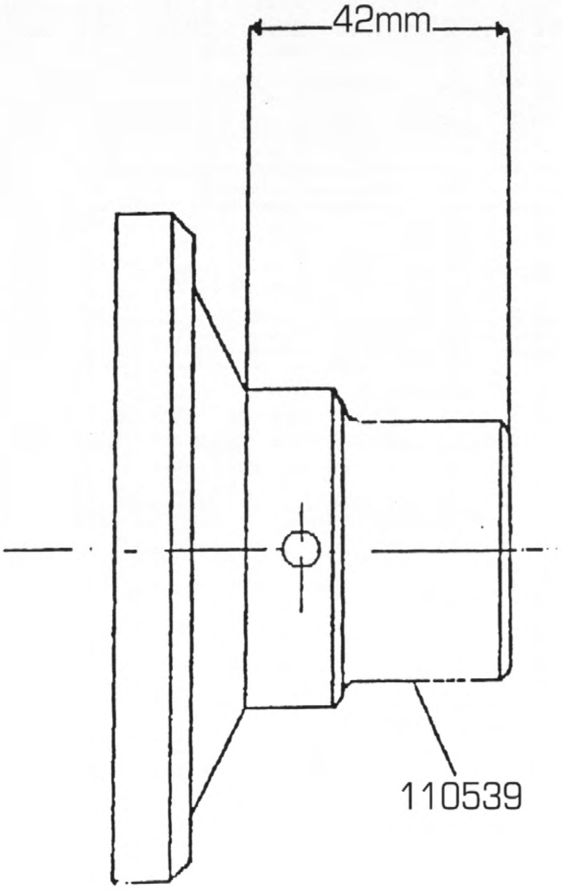
VEHICLES AFFECTED:

Up to VIN 2679

ACTION:

Due to close proximity of Drive Shaft Flange to lug of transmission it has been necessary to increase the offset drive shaft mating surface relative to hole of locating pin by 5mm as per attached sketch.

When changing complete transmission units auto or manual before VIN 2679 it is necessary to fit a new driveshaft flange Part Number 110539.



Cruise to the SEA

By Mimi Breer, Altadena, California

I could have written another getaway weekend article, but instead I would really like to hear from other sections of the country and the world. In the last issue the East Coast came through and British Columbia prior to that. So, what's up in Sweden, Japan, Great Britain, etc.?

This was a trip we took mainly to participate in British Car Magazine's free (yes free) "Cruise to the Sea" beginning at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California and finishing in Half Moon Bay on the coast. It was a two hour drive over the San Andreas Fault's lake, through the Santa Cruz Mountains and along the Pacific coast to Cameron's, a wonderful English Pub, complete with a double decker bus, darts, 80 beers, ales, and lagers in bottles and 40 on tap. Of course there was 'British' food.

The rallye was open to all British cars. Since our cars were built in Northern Ireland, we are British cars. This is something that we occasionally have to explain in detail to the event organizers, but eventually they have all agreed. So go check out the British car sites on the internet for events in your area and go for it. Then send in your experiences and pictures.

When we arrived at the departure location, we were given 2 pages of instructions and a map then sent on our way. Participants left anytime they wished between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and were free to just drive over and back, stay and talk, or enjoy brunch/lunch and check out the cars.

We were the only DeLorean participating and our car drew a lot of attention from the other owners. The drive was beautiful through coastal redwoods, horse ranches, historical buildings, rolling hills, flower fields, and along the Pacific Ocean. On Sunday, they had a car show with around 800 British cars expected. We missed that, since we had other plans that day and a seven hour drive home.

So enjoy my photos and remember it doesn't have to be a DeLorean event to have fun. It's neat to participate alone or grab a friend or two and join in. I realize not everyone lives near an active group of D's but there seem to be British clubs all over the world.

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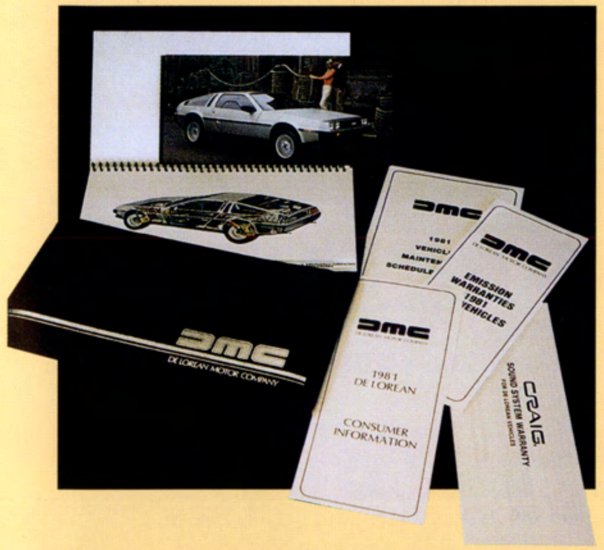
Morgan under our wing.

DeLorean COLLECTIBLES

Today entire shows are devoted to collecting automobile memorabilia, toy automobiles, gas station paraphernalia and even just automobile literature. If you've ever attended one, you know just how popular they have become. Although there may be more interest in several other makes of cars, the DeLorean has it's own mystique which always contributes to the value of a given collectible.

We have assembled a panel of three men who have not only built extensive personal collections but have stayed abreast of the asking prices of DeLorean-related collectibles. Dick Shipman, Ed Bernstein and John Truscott purchased their cars new and each has a wealth of knowledge regarding the marque. For the Back-To-The-Future collectibles, we have recruited the expert opinions of Stephen Clark, the president of the BTTF Fan Club.

The purpose of the "DeLorean Collectibles" section is to familiarize you with the many pieces being collected today and to list a price range based on a consensus of our panel. If you are either a serious collector or you simply have a few pieces, send us a quality photo of your favorite. If you have an opinion of value, let us know, or you may want to have our panel list an estimated range. Send photos and information to: David Knudson / Editor – P. O. Box 423, Tujunga, CA 91043-0423.



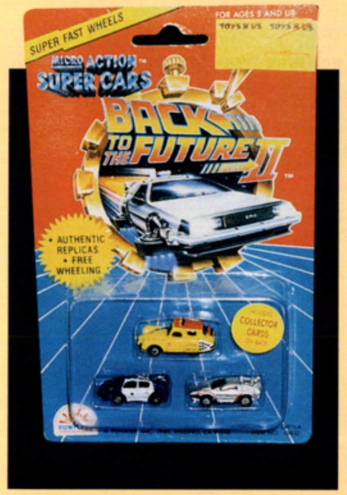
DELOREAN OWNER'S KIT

When the car was first purchased from a dealer, the contents in this vinyl portfolio varied somewhat. To our knowledge, the seven items pictured here comprised an entire kit with one addition, a dealer booklet which was not available for photography.

Here are the items:

1. Black vinyl portfolio with silver logo and back flap.
2. Owner's manual which detailed, with photos, the features of the vehicle and how to utilize them. Of course, many of this was important to an excited new owner but did it really need to tell us to, "check behind vehicle for possible obstructions if you are going to back up"? Well, probably so.
3. Consumer Information brochure. Nader's Raiders at work.
4. Color flyer. This was designed for you to give to your friends so that they would run out and buy a DeLorean, too.
5. Craig Radio Warranty flyer.
6. Emission Warranty flyer.
7. Maintenance schedule flyer.
8. Dealer booklet. Listed DeLorean dealers.

INDIVIDUAL PIECES VARY CONSIDERABLY IN VALUE. ESTIMATED VALUE OF COMPLETE KIT BASED ON CONDITION - $50.00 TO $75.00

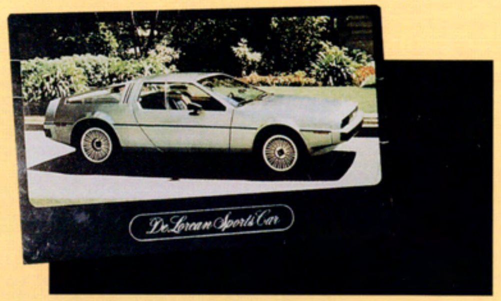


BACK-TO-THE-FUTURE MICRO ACTION SUPER CARS

This is toy manufacturing that has gone off on a tangent.

Here they are offering three tiny cars – a DeLorean, a taxi cab and a police car within the framework of the movie? However, toy collectors know that often the stranger the better. Manufactured by Fun Rise.

ESTIMATED VALUE, IF THE CARS ARE STILL ON CARD, BASED ON CONDITION - $10.00 TO $20.00



DEALER POSTCARD

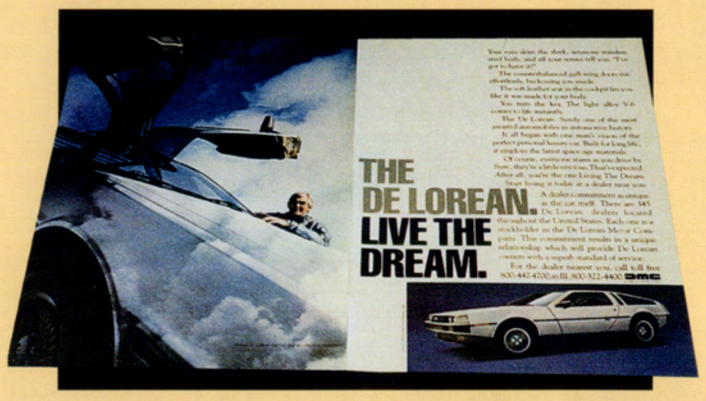
These large 8 3/4" x 5 1/2", full color postcards pictured one of the early test DeLoreans with the sliding windows. It was used primarily by dealers to send out to people they thought may be prospects for the car. The back of the card stated a few specifications. Rare.

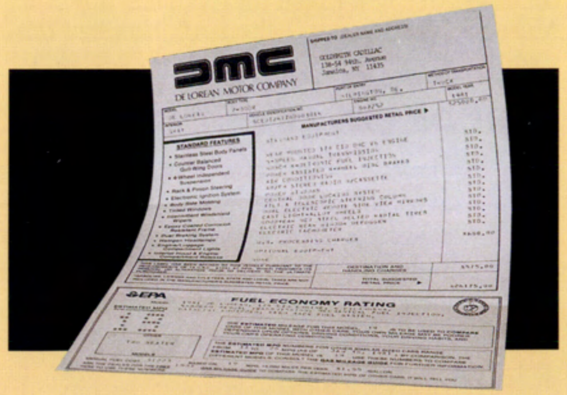
ESTIMATED VALUE BASED ON CONDITION - $25.00 TO $35.00

DOUBLE SPREAD DELOREAN AD

This is the ad that introduced the DeLorean to America. Very slick and well written, it asked you to "live the dream". That dream is explained as John's vision of "the perfect, personal, luxury car." The ad only ran a few times so it is quite rare.

ESTIMATED VALUE BASED ON CONDITION - $35.00 TO $40.00





DELOREAN WINDOW STICKER

These have been reprinted as a novelty by several sources. The reprints are worth whatever you want to pay for one. However, the originals are the true collectibles.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF AN ORIGINAL BASED ON CONDITION - $5.00 TO $10.00

the HARRAH COLLECTION

By Hank Breer, Museum Director
Photos by Mimi Breer

William F. Harrah will always be remembered in Reno as a gaming pioneer who loved cars – his two most-famed legacies being Harrah's Hotels and Casinos and his automobile collection. So when we were in Reno, we decided to visit the collection. I had been to the Imperial Palace Automobile Collection in Las Vegas, so I assumed that the Harrah's collection would also be adjacent to the hotel. Wrong! Then I remembered something about it being a few miles away, in Sparks. Wrong again!

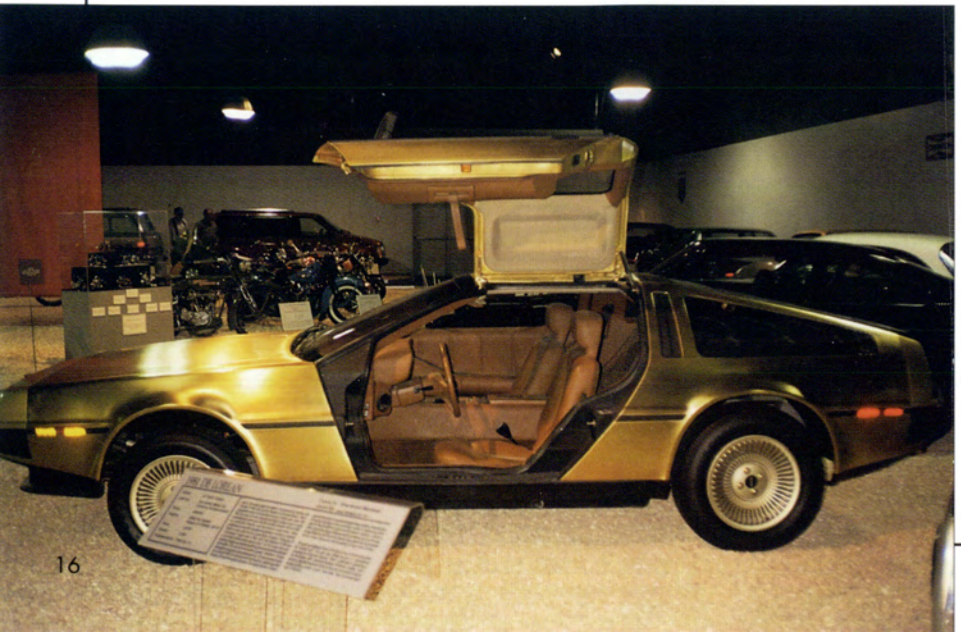
In fact, a quick scan of the phone book did not show anything that looked remotely like an automobile museum under 'Harrah's'. A couple of quick inquiries at the hotel by my wife (remember, real men don't ask for directions) and I was made aware of my error. What had once been simply the Harrah's collection was now called the "National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection)". How had this come about?

A BIT OF HISTORY

Harrah began his collection in 1948 with the purchase of a 1907 Maxwell. Except he later learned that it was really a 1911 Maxwell. He also learned that modifications to increase the car's speed had also changed its authenticity. From then on, authenticity was his goal and librarians and researchers guided his restoration shops in every step and detail. His collection, library and restoration shops continued to grow in order to feed his insatiable appetite for cars. He first opened his collection to public view in 1962.

Upon his death in 1978, there were 1,400 cars, stored in three warehouses in Sparks, Nevada. He did not make any specific provisions for the disposition of these cars in his will. In 1980, the Holiday Corporation purchased both Harrah's Hotels/Casinos and the automobile collection. The corporation then announced that they intended to sell the collection. This met with a tremendous public outcry from the citizens of Nevada. In response, Nevada Governor Robert List helped form a private nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation. With the assistance of the City of Reno, the State of Nevada, and John Harrah (Bill Harrah's son) a site for a new museum was located and purchased, and the buildings were designed and constructed. The Holiday Corporation then donated 175 cars and the entire research library.

The end result is the *National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection)*. It opened November 5, 1989 at the corner of Lake and Mill Streets along the Truckee River in downtown Reno. The building is owned by the City of Reno and is part of its long-term downtown revitalization plan.



THE FACILITIES

The museum is 105,000 square feet on one level and houses over 200 cars. The architecture is highlighted by smooth, rounded exterior walls with chrome trim reminiscent of automotive styling and is painted a popular '50s car paint color, Heather Fire Mist. Inside, there are a number of large galleries with meandering paths through the collection. This affords you a good view of almost all of the cars. In addition to the galleries, there are 4 street scenes, representing each quarter of the 20th century with façades, autos and artifacts from each era.

The museum's Automotive Shop allows you to observe maintenance and detailing of the museums collection. There is a 22-minute high-tech, multimedia theater presentation. It is a fast-paced overview of the auto's impact on society. The show incorporates ghost cars, a race car, film clips and video monitors.

ALL THIS IS NICE, BUT...

Nevada is called The Silver State and the Comstock Load silver mines played an important part in the state's history, but what I really went to the museum to see was gold. Actually, gold plated. Yes, I'm talking about DeLorean VIN SCEDT26T9BD004300. It is the first of two 24karat gold-plated DeLoreans built by the factory in 1981. The cars were offered as part of a promotional campaign for American Express "Gold" cardholders and appeared in the December, 1979 American Express Christmas catalog. Catalog price: $85,000. The meandering path places the DeLorean on a slight peninsula so you can see three sides of the car. My impressions of the car? Mixed. The color is impressive, but the finish on the body panels is uneven. When the panels were originally grained at the factory the work was done by hand (just as it was on all our cars). This left some portions of the panels slightly different from adjacent portions. Over the years we have gone over our cars with blending pads enough to mask this uneven condition, but I am sure no one has ever taken a blending pad to the gold plated surface!

All of the metallic surfaces are gold plated, even the lug nuts. The interior is done in honey-maple colored leather, with the same color carried over to the carpeting. One notable exception – the headliners are gray, just like our cars. Overall, I felt that the gold color was carried too far, but maybe that comes from seeing too many DeLoreans with either a black or gray interior.

The sign on the display stand claimed that insurance rates when the car was sold amounted to approximately $1,000 a month and that a mere "door ding" had a potential repair cost of $24,000.

ANOTHER '80S GULLWING?

While at the museum, we noticed another gullwinged car that was built in the 80's. This was a specially built 1982 Dodge Charger. It is one of six that were specially built by PPG Industries in cooperation with the Chrysler Corporation to be a pace car for the CART-sanctioned PPG Indy Car World Series. The car saw service pacing the 1982 and early 1983 races. Its SOHC turbocharged 4 cylinder engine develops 195 horsepower out of 134.6 cu in (2.2 litre).

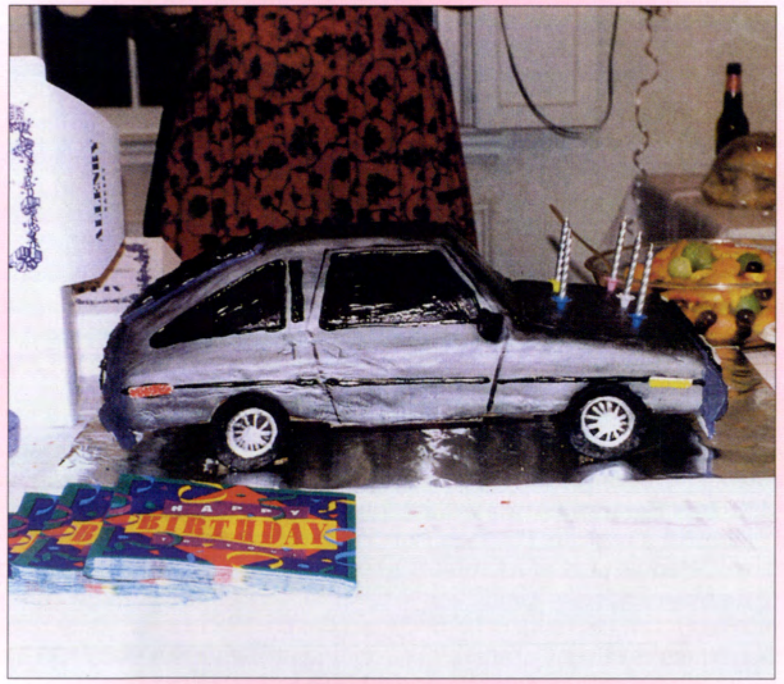
On closer inspection, the door mechanism appears to be lifted directly from a DeLorean. There is the same torsion bar, the same strut, and what appear to even be the same hinges. The door locks fore and aft exactly like our cars.

HOURS AND COSTS

The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. except Christmas and Thanksgiving. Admission is $7.50 adults, $6.50 seniors, $2.50 children 6-18, and free under 5 years. It is located at 10 Lake Street South, Reno, Nevada. 775-333-9300.

the most "D"-Licious DeLorean

By Brian Graifman - New Rochelle, New York



We all know that our D's are the most D'licious cars to look at. But have you ever *tasted* one?

For my 40th birthday a few years back, my wife Lori surprised me with a party and a DeLorean to drool over; a cake in the form of an exact replica of our car. Well, OK, maybe grey and black are not the most alluring colors for a gastronomic attraction, but the car was completely edible, right down to the side mirrors and exact clone of my license plate — and it was tasty too, layered with vanilla cake and raspberry filling.

Our car-cake was created by Lori's friend Dee Greenwood, of Manhattan, who at the time worked in creative and color production for Disney catalogs, and who constructs cakes on the side merely as a "hobby." I spoke to Dee recently, and she recalled this project quite vividly and enthusiastically.

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT A GREY CAKE?

Dee's first reaction upon hearing the request for such a cake was a tantalizing wondering if she was up to creating a car cake, and then asking, "Are you sure you want a grey cake?" Dee quickly decided that, as she had done wedding cakes for friends, which involved constructions of layers, she would be as up to the task as anyone. Apparently, when it comes to cakes, this cook has no fear.

She and the cake rose to the occasion, but not without some unexpected detours. When she first sprayed the outer layer to obtain a sheen surface, she was horrified to see the surface turn to lavender. She ultimately used food grade silver paint to glaze the body silver and used clear gel out of a tube to make the windows shiny.

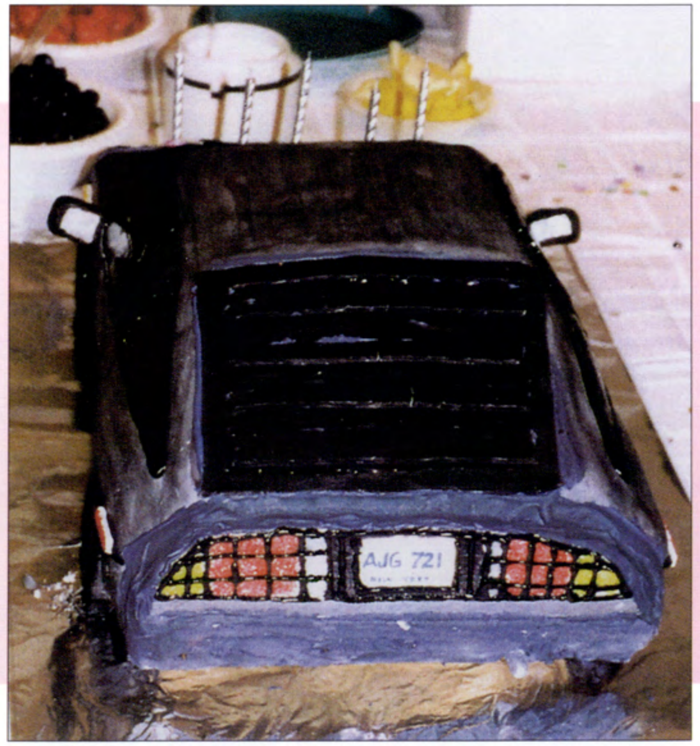
ROADSIDE SERVICE.

The worst part, though, was delivering the cake. Undergirding it with plywood, she and the confection drove approximately 20 miles to our home in the suburbs. Until that time, Dee never realized how many cracks were in the West Side Highway. During the ride, the cake car lost a wheel and suffered other minor damage. At the destination, Dee used a trusty repair kit she took along, and performed some essential "roadside" service.

What is amazing is that she obtained the proportions from some photos, without ever having seen an actual live DeLorean. A drive to perfection led Dee to create an impressive and successful reproduction. Dee was also determined (and did) reproduce the New York license plate right down to the correct letters and numbers. Talk about getting your car detailed!

Dee insists that the DeLorean is the most outrageous cake she's ever done, more so than the computer cake she once made, which at least was white (more conventional to "byte"). Dee knew she had taken on a creative and logistical challenge, but had a great time doing it. Chalk up another cast under the spell of the DeLorean.

By the way, the birthday party was a rousing success — the cake a highlight that cracked a lot of wide smiles, and that will be remembered for years to come.



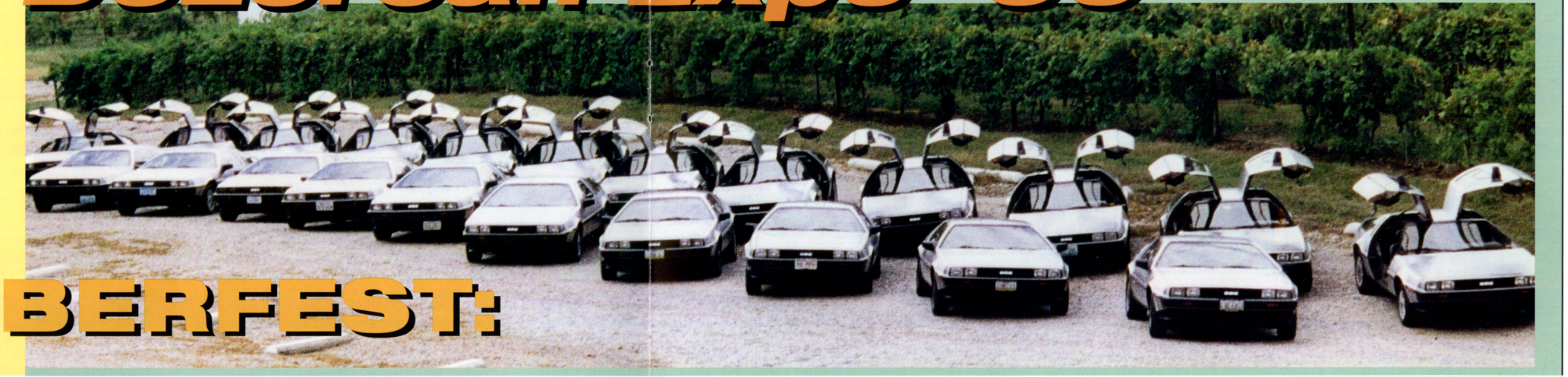
DEE GREENWOOD'S FEARLESS-BAKER NO-RUST CRASH-COURSE RECIPE FOR A DELOREAN (EXPERIENCE SUGGESTED): BAKE TWO LARGE SHEET CAKES.

Cut one to dimension of undercarriage to form base layer and place on a heavy piece of cardboard or plywood. Cut additional layers to stack and fill. Using a long serrated knife, create roof and window planes by cutting through layers at an angle. When rough outline is correct, frost entire cake with butter cream. Then top with rolled out fondant frosting (available at specialty cake shops) and smooth surface.

Using gel food coloring (in a tube is easiest) draw window outlines. Glaze with clear gel. Create mirrors, louvers, wheels, license plates and other details using a pastillage technique — color as required with food grade colorings. Headlights, reflectors and taillights are colored sugar crystals (you'll need clear, red and yellow) attached with a dab of butter-cream. Using small blocks raise the cake an inch or so and attach wheels with butter-cream.

If you want to create your own cake, plan to start 2-3 days in advance. The cake will keep at room temperature for a week if you use a butter-less butter-cream. And if you transport it, remember your repair kit!

OKTOBERFEST: DeLorean Expo '99



At Blumenhof Winery.

STORY BY LINDA PORTER,
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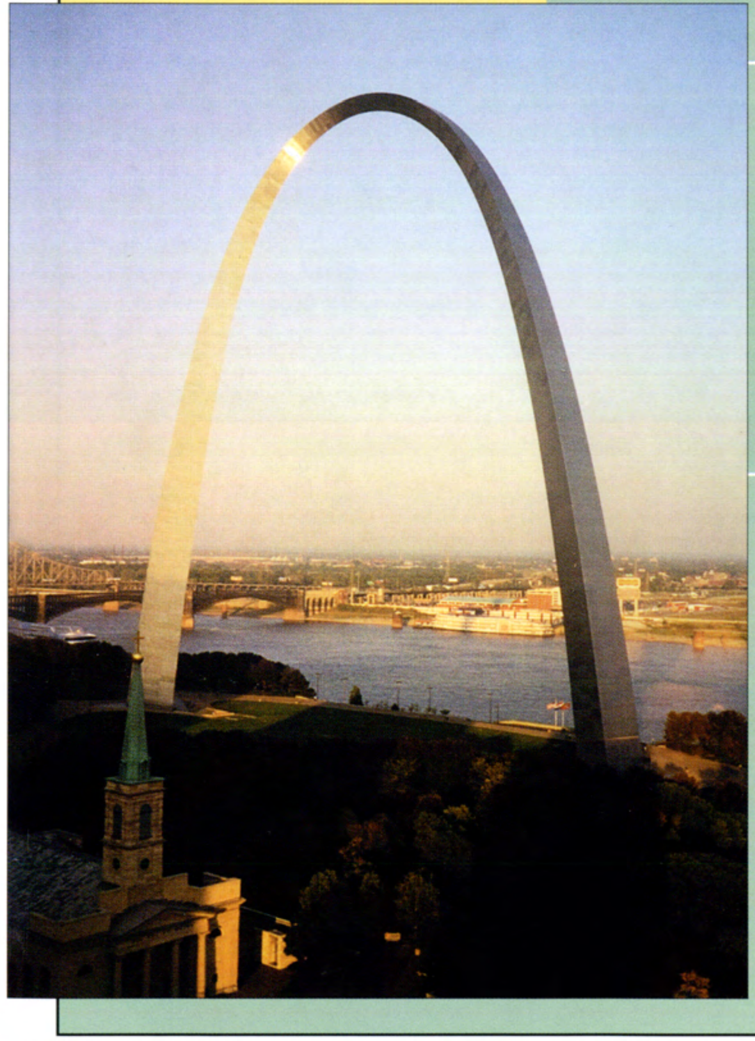

View of the Arch from the hotel.

Amy Duhr and Jim Stueber at the Evening at the Arch.

Left to right: Bill Swilley, Josh Schwartz and Jodi Veneruso at the Daniel Boone home.

Members and the public poured into the Products Fair.

Autumn was in the air as DeLorean owners and enthusiasts converged in St. Louis, Missouri for Oktoberfest, Expo '99. After meeting over the Labor Day weekend for the past several years, the Fall meeting date was a change of pace.

The Regal Riverfront Hotel was headquarters for this year's event. This downtown hotel, with views of the famous Gateway Arch from lobby, restaurants and many hotel rooms, was also a change. It has been some years since an Expo was held in a downtown hotel. One of the advantages was the easy access to many of the sights St. Louis has to offer.

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Cars line up in front of the Regal Riverfront Hotel preparing for the Wine Country Rallye.

Colleen Park and Steve Flynn at Daniel Boone's Home.

DeLorean Expo '99

Thursday, October 7 saw activities get underway with registration in the hotel lobby, while some members took time to tour the city. A visit to the St. Louis Cathedral to view the world's largest collection of mosaics was followed by a tour of the famous Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

That evening the group gathered in the lobby before making the short walk to catch the Tom Sawyer paddle wheel boat for a cruise and dinner on the Mississippi River. The event featuring food, fun, prizes, and music was sponsored by P.J. Grady, Inc. of West Sayville, NY. At the end of the voyage, the boat docked at the President Casino, a floating gambling boat. This boat doesn't sail, but that doesn't seem to matter. Many chose to stay and try their luck. Others caught a shuttle bus back to the hotel to rest for the next day's events.

Friday morning saw a large crowd of DeLorean owners headed for the Missouri wine country. The Wine Country Rallye took drivers to the Daniel Boone Home and through the Augusta wine area, which has the distinction of being the first designated wine district in America. (And all you Californians thought it was Napa!) Lunch at Blumenhof Winery, group pictures at the Mt. Pleasant Winery and beautiful country scenery made for a perfect day.

Back to the hotel, and a chance to rest a bit before heading out again.

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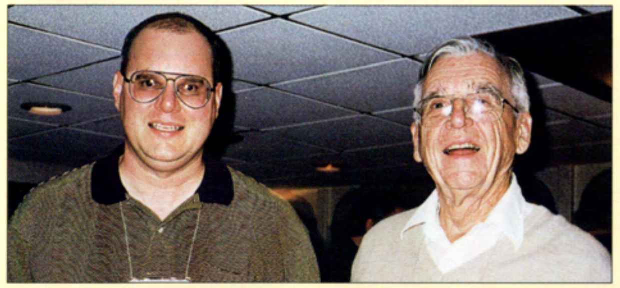
Left to right: Elaine Wynne, Web and Patty Bixby on the riverboat.

Left to right: Linda Porter, Rich Purvis, Neil Johnson, Mary and Michael Hooper, Jack Balderston, Mary Lou and David Knudson.

Karen and Chad Lange in front of their Concours entry.

Ed Bernstein with coonskin cap, dance beads and the infamous rubber chicken.

Stephen Wynne and Kris Smith on the riverboat.



Left to right: Mark Velky and Jack Balderston.

Todd Czepek and Lisa Lapwing at the Evening at the Arch.

Tom Mickel at the Evening at the Arch.

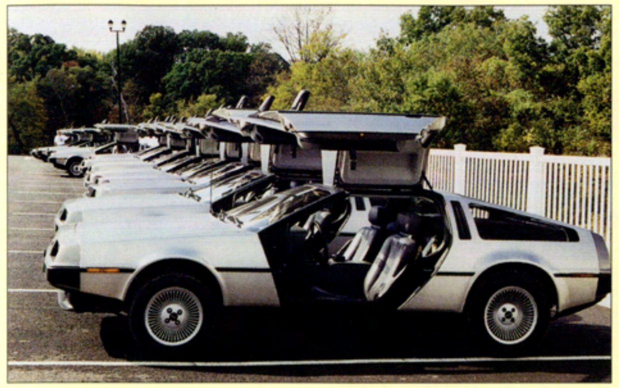
Marty and Rodger Vannatter dancing on the riverboat.

DeLorean Expo '99

Left to right: David Stosich, Nancy and Don Steger on the riverboat.

Kris and James Smith with their Concours entry that placed first.

At Mount Pleasant Winery.



Left to right: Ken, Eric and Chris Koncelik

This time an even shorter walk took us to the Gateway Arch for a banquet sponsored by DeLorean Motor Center of Garden Grove, CA. Trams were open exclusively for us for an hour providing the group with a chance to go up to the top of the Arch. Since the Arch was closed to the public, there were no long lines waiting for a tram. An Oktoberfest banquet was followed by raffles, prizes and the award for the longest distance driven to Expo '99. *The winner this year was Joe Candella from Boston.*

Saturday was the day eagerly awaited by many in the DeLorean community. "Millennium", the DeLorean Motor Company Concours got under way in the hotel's exhibition hall. This event, sponsored by DeLorean Motor Company of Houston, TX, saw shining DeLoreans parked in the huge circular room. The finest, showroom quality cars competed for awards. People's Choice cars were also on display and drew plenty of attention. Also taking place in the exhibit hall was the always popular Products Fair. Music added to the festive atmosphere.

Later in the morning, a few were able to tear themselves away long enough to go to Union Station for more shopping and sightseeing. And in the afternoon, Bauerle Automotive Inc. of Radnor OH sponsored this year's Technical Seminar. Speakers for the afternoon sessions were David Bauerle and Don Steger.

After a full day of car-related activities it was time to dress for the ball. The Oktoberfest Ball, that is. This evening gala was sponsored by DeLorean One of Chatsworth, CA. A reception, followed by a lavish buffet preceded the evening's program.

David Bauerle speaking at the Tech Seminar.

Carol Ann and Greg Gruetzmacher at the Daniel Boone Home.

Knut Grimsrud at the Daniel Boone home.

"AND THE WINNER IS . . . . "

Everyone waited anxiously for the announcement of the winners of the Concours.

- ***First Place winners with 285.5 out of a possible 300 points were James and Kris Smith***

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You're ok Kip. But don't touch my DeLorean.

DELOREAN ONE...only for DeLorean lovers.

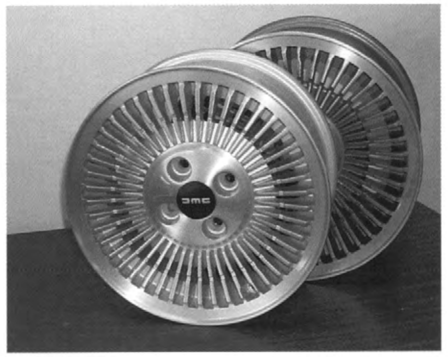
For the DeLorean

CLEANING KIT
A pint each of original DeLorean shampoo, leather/vinyl cleaner and improved stainless steel cleaner/sealer. Comes with a blending pad in rare, original cleaning kit box. **$49.90**

Available separately...

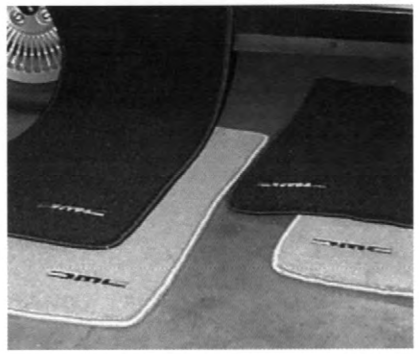
Shampoo (pint)	$10.60
Leather/Vinyl Cleaner	$13.50
SS Cleaner/Sealer	$15.81
Blending Pad	$3.55

Keep Your DeLorean Beautiful
STAINLESS STEEL
CAR CARE KIT

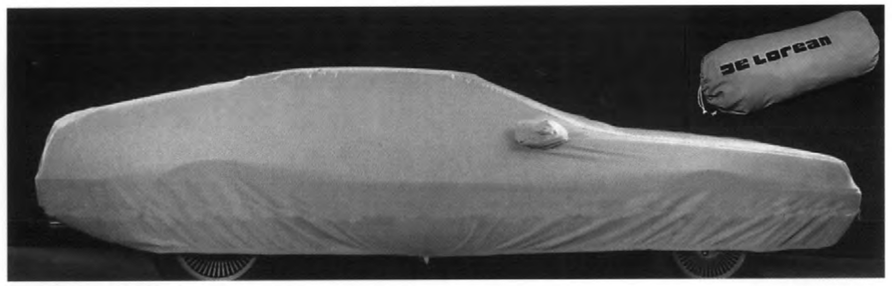


WHEELS AND WHEELCAPS

Original finish wheels in grey or silver	$125.00
Machined finish wheels	$200.00
(wheel prices are each/exchange)	
Wheelcap emblems (each)	$8.99



FLOOR MATS **$139.50**
Heavy duty, stain resistant nylon for the finishing touch to your interior. In black or grey with embroidered DMC logo on each mat.



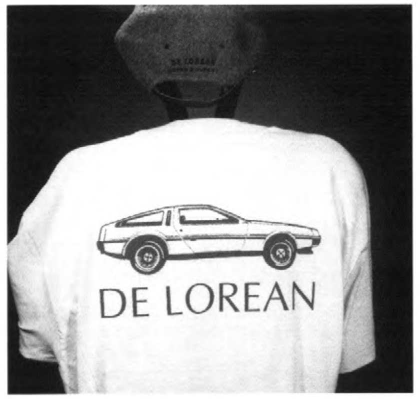
CAR COVER **$182.81**
Durable poly/cotton blend custom fitted cover with storage bag.

Call today or check our website for a copy of our latest complete parts price list!

MANUALS (complete set) **$143.65**
Reproductions of the factory publications - workshop, parts, service bulletins and owners handbook - available as a set or individually.

Workshop Manual	$49.90
Parts Manual	$45.90
Service Bulletins	$33.50
Owners Handbook	$15.00

DMC LOGO PLATE **$12.95**
Brushed metal stainless-look license plate with fills the spot left open on the front fascia in states that don't require a front license plate. Also fits the rear for car shows, etc. Why pay Ebay prices?



T-SHIRT **$15.95**
100% cotton, famous name brand short sleeved shirts in two styles: DMC/De Lorean Motor Company on the front left and the De Lorean silhouette on the back (above) or front view of DeLorean with "STAFF" imprint of sleeve (below). M, L & XL

DENIM SHIRT **$39.95**
Lightweight denim shirt with "Millennium: The DeLorean Motor Company Concours" logo embroidered above the pocket (above). M, L & XL

STAFF
DeLorean Motor Company

MILLENNIUM

MILLENNIUM APRON **$19.95**
Nifty canvas apron for the kitchen or garage the with three-color "Millennium: The DeLorean Motor Company Concours" logo screened in the center (left)

DRIVING CAP **$17.95**
Exceptional quality gray wool baseball-style cap with a black bill, the famous De Lorean silhouette and DMC in black embroidery.

DRIVING SHIRT **$34.95**
A famous brand 2-button Polo-style shirt (made in America) of 100% cotton pique with notched sides and black collar, cuffs and hems. Ash (light gray) with the embroidered DMC logo and the famous De Lorean silhouette. M, L & XL

SWEAT SHIRT **$36.95**
Fleece wear, famous brand long sleeve sweat shirt in 90% cotton and 10% polyester. Double stitched, banded bottom. Charcoal embroidered on front. L & XL

MUG **$6.95**
White marbleized top quality mug with logo.

For the Driver

Have a beautiful DeLorean by spring...

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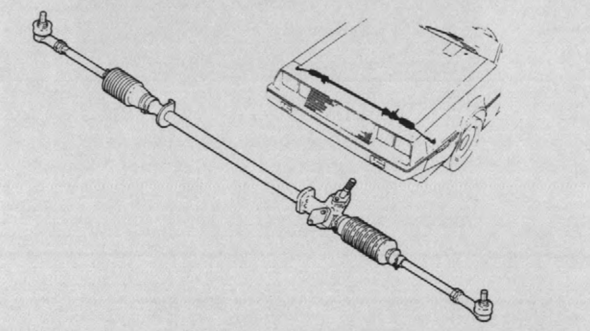

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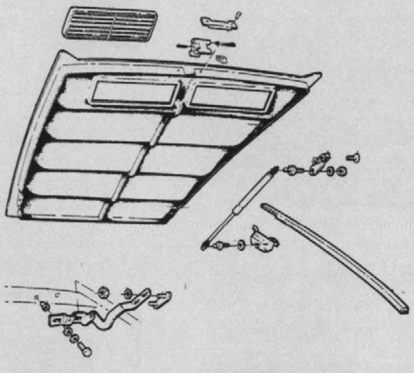

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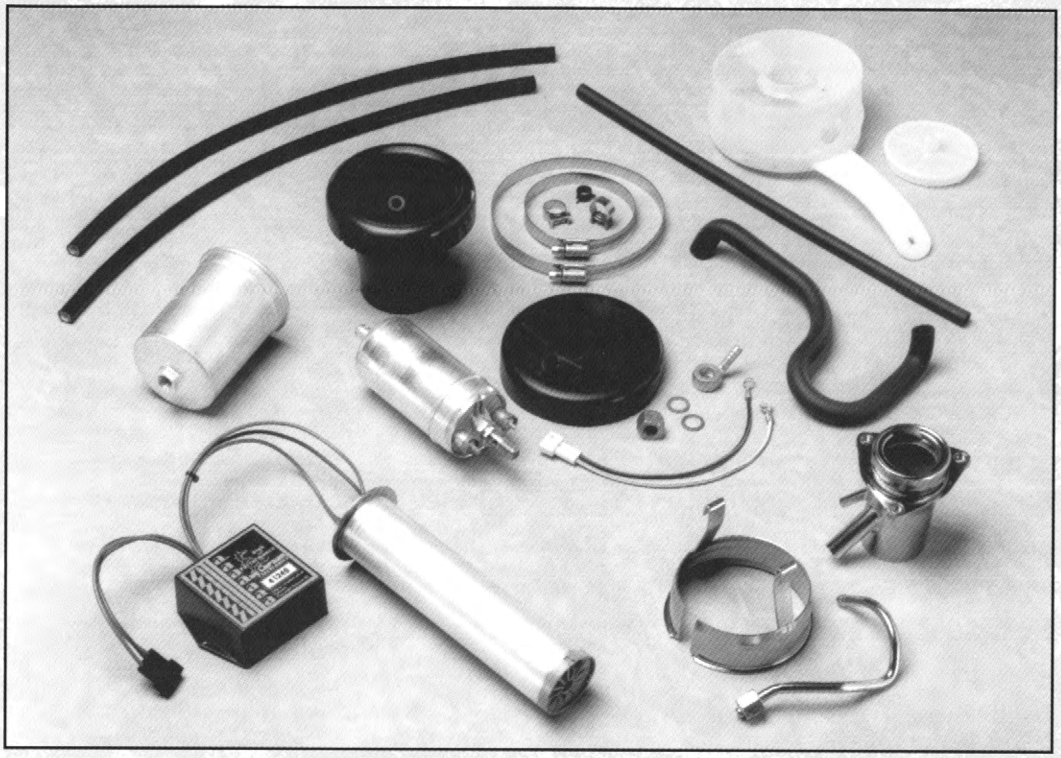

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By Hank Breer
Altadena, California

When I bought my DeLorean five years ago, it came with a Parts Manual and Shop Manual. For Christmas that first year, my wife bought me the complete set of back issues of DeLorean World. And I read them. All of them. All the way through.

I am now a Director of the Association and see many cars and have the opportunity to talk to many owners about their cars and what problems they have had with them. So I have no excuse.

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On a recent road trip to Northern California, I pulled in to top off the tank, pulled the release lever, and nothing happened. Oops. Well, maybe more than oops. I was 400 miles from home, with half a tank of gas. Fortunately, there was just enough of the cable sticking out of the sheath to grab with a pair of pliers, but mine were locked in the trunk. But apparently, I am incredibly lucky.

My wife and I were on our way to meet the Northern California DeLorean Owners Club for breakfast and a trip to the Blackhawk Museum. When we arrived, I explained my dilemma and asked if anyone had a pair of pliers with them. Fortunately, Rex Little did. While I was fishing for the broken end of the cable, Ken Montgomery noticed that I was having trouble seeing it with my glasses so he stepped in and took over. In fact, they all stepped in and took over. Before I knew it, I had been moved to the back of the group while Ken and Rex got the hood open, pulled the broken wire from its sheath, and re-attached it temporarily to the windshield wiper. MANY THANKS!

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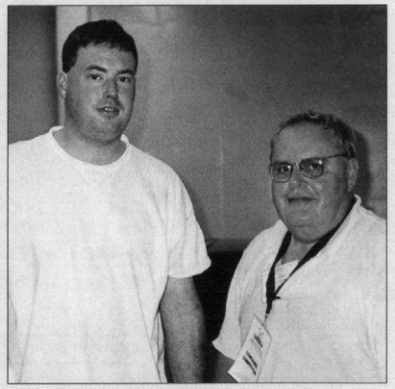
Left to right: Bill Whiting, Alice Cox, Josh Schwartz, Jodi Veneruso and Anthony Patti on the riverboat.

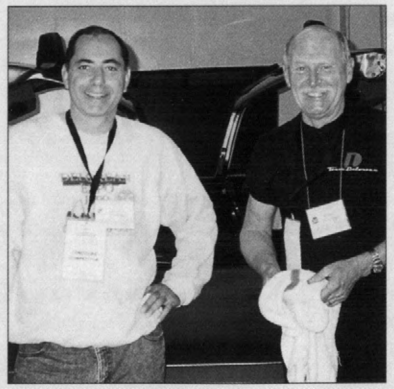
Dennis Schlieckau and Sharon Cordonier at the Daniel Boone home.

Stephen Wynne announces the winners of the Concours, left to right: 1st–Kris Smith; 2nd–Shirley Lieber; 3rd–Ken Koncelik.

Bill Swilley (right) judges Phillip Pratt's Concours entry.



Bill Winegard (left) and John Yersky preparing their car for the Concours.



Rodger Vannatter (right) helps Joe Candella prepare his car for the Concours.

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- ***Second Place winners with 282.5 points were Scott and Shirley Lieber***
- ***Third Place winners with 273.25 were Ken and Chris Koncelik***
- ***Bill Swilley whose car had 170,000 miles on it won the Peoples Choice***

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Next came dancing, more prizes then the night came to a close. But those at Expo '99 still had one more chance to get together before everyone said good-bye.

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Time to go. Home, back to work, on to more vacationing, whatever each person had planned. And time to start planning to see each other again next year in Las Vegas.

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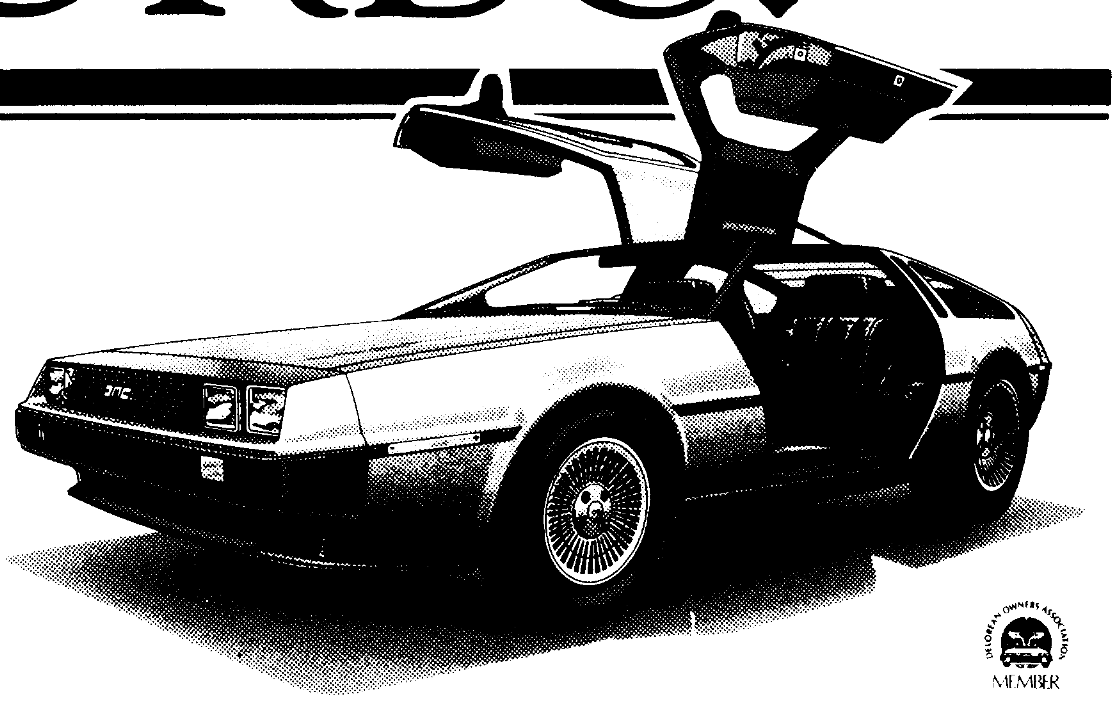

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